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Dr. Herschel Roman
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Dear Dr. Roman:

One of my graduate students, Robert E. Wright, who was already especially interested in yeast genetics has been working on some aspects of cytoplasmic inheritance, particularly transmission of respiratory determinants through dikaryotic stages (per Powell). But we have been beset by one technical obstacle after another, particularly the high incidence of petites among UV induced auxotrophs, and the accumulation of the cytoplasmic defect in stocks which purportedly carry the segregational marker only.

It would be quite helpful in fighting out of the morass if we could have as a point of departure a non-petite red-adenineless haploid of either mating type (preferably both), and I thought you might be the best person of whom to ask the favor, for which we would be much obliged.

Do you ever find yourself in this part of the country? If so would you consider paying us a visit— and let us know when you may be, say, near Chicago?

We saw 'Hruss' at the symposium at Detroit in November, where he gave his usually high standard of exposition and may have made even some enzymologists appreciative of morphogenesis. But some of these troubles had not yet arisen at that time.

Sincerely,

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Professor of Genetics